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Mayor Invites S.W. To Nov. 20 Summit

Planning for Washington, D.C., neighborhoods will be the focus of a gathering of 1,000 to 2,000 citizens at the D.C. Convention Center from 9 am to 4 pm, Saturday, Nov. 20. Southwest was challenged by Lafayette A. Barnes, an aide to Mayor Anthony Williams, to send at least 10 delegates to the meeting.

"Neighborhood Action", is the title given to the Mayor's initiative for neighborhoods. Priorities in his future budgets will be based on neighborhood groups, businesses and government working together, Barnes told a meeting of Council Member Jack Evans' S.W. Task Force at Arena Stage.

(In his visit to Southwest last May the Mayor listed neighborhood issues as including jobs, affordable housing and clean streets, "revitalizing our neighborhoods, one block at a time." ■

Halloween Party To Help S.W. House

A fund-raising costume Halloween party in the grand ballroom of the Hotel Washington on Wednesday, October 27, at 6:30 pm will raise funds for three charitable groups, including the Southwest Community House.

Second Ward Councilmember Jack Evans, host of the annual event, has extended an invitation to Southwest residents. ■

Tax Break For Retirees?

Councilmember Charlene Drew Jarvis has introduced a bill to allow retirees between \$6,000 and \$12,000 of their pensions to be free from D.C. income tax, rather than the \$3,000 under current D.C. law. Maryland and Virginia have pension exemptions of \$12,000 or more, she said.

The press release announcing her action lists an office telephone number of 202-724-8120. ■

S.W. Awards Go To 17 College Students

Four \$1,000 scholarships and 13 smaller grants will aid college students who live in Near Southwest (zip code 20024).

The Scholarship committee of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly - in its 25th year - announced the awards for the 1999-2000 school year. More than 100 Southwest residents mailed in checks totaling \$9,200 last spring in response to the committee's annual solicitation.

Two of the \$1,000 awards were given by Westminster Presbyterian Church, and \$1,000 awards were provided by River Park Friends and by donations in memory of the late Charlotte Brooks. Riverside Condominium made a substantial contribution from its annual yard sale.

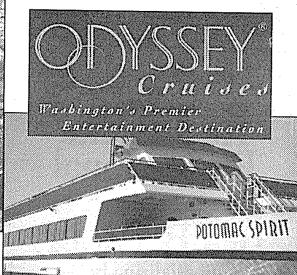
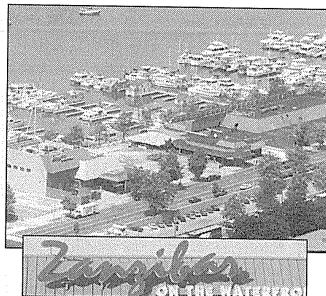
Over the past 25 years these contributions from Southwest residents have helped more than 150 Southwest college students achieve their educational goals. Grades, financial need and community service are considered in making the awards. Students are eligible for four years as full time students. Application forms are available in the Southwest Branch Library in the spring. Current members of the committee are Barbara

Murray, chair; Herbert Holmes, Carole Early, Cathy Wallace, Henry Evans and Dale MacIver.

1999-2000 Awardees and their colleges are:

Michelle Collins - Howard University - \$1,000 from Westminster Church; Alan Clipper - North Carolina Wesleyan University - \$1,000 from Westminster Church; Shenearah Lasister - U of Md Eastern Shore - The Charlotte Brooks Scholarship of \$1,000; Tiffany Haliburton - Cornell University - \$1,000 from River Park Friends.

Others: Amber Drummond - Emory U; Martelle Pyatt - Georgetown U; Monique Pyatt - Trinity College; Carlena Solomon - Capitol College; Davina Minnix - U of Md College Park; Patrick Bowles - Columbia Union College; Nakia Edelin - UDC; Scott Frankel - Rochester Institute of Technology; Kiana Council - Coppin State College; Abiri Ward - Hunter College; Candace Wyder - Norfolk State U; Two students starting in mid-year are: Jaymal Carroll - Frostburg State U; Rhonda Hamilton - Howard or American U. ■



Waterfront To Greet Year 2000

Reservations for New Year's 2000 are coming in at cruise ships and restaurants along the Maine Avenue Southwest Waterfront, which promises to be the Waterfront Entertainment Center envisioned in the ULI report. The season brings festive lighting up and down the waterfront, with the rigging of yachts and sailboats lighted.

Prices for New Year's Eve range from \$599.99 per person for a 5 1/2 hour cruise on the Odyssey cruise ship at 6th and Water St. S.W. to a modest \$200 per couple gala dinner at Pier 7 Restaurant at 7th and Water St. S.W. Both will have live bands and dancing till the wee hours.

The Spirit of Washington cruise ships proclaim that "A party like this happens once in a Thousand Years!" For \$300 per person you can board at 7 pm, cruise with dinner and dancing to live bands from 9 pm to 1:30 pm and get a keepsake photo and more.

Phillips Flagship will be open during the day Friday, Dec. 31 and for brunch both Saturday and Sunday. Hogates and Zanzibar on the Waterfront will have a celebration and entertainment, but were not ready to announce their schedules as *The Southwester* went to press. LeRivage doesn't have live music or a dance floor, but will be open for partying.

Where to call for New Year's Reservations

Odyssey	488-6000
Spirit	554-8000
Pier 7	554-2500
Zanzibar	554-9100
Flagship	488-8515
Hogates	484-6300
Channel Inn	554-2400



SWNA Meets Mon. Oct. 25

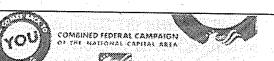
The Second Baptist Church at M St. S.W. and Canal St. will be the location of the monthly meeting of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, Inc., at 7:30 p.m. Monday Oct. 25. The meeting will be upstairs in the sanctuary, with refreshments on the lower level.

Three speakers will cover different subjects. Samuel Tramuel will explain the work of the West of the River Family Strengthening Collaborative, of which he is director. Rev. G. Michael Wise, assistant manager at River Park cooperative housing, will speak on "Small Things that Can Be Done." Dr. Marc Weiss will explain D.C. grants that should be coming to Southeast. ■

Halloween For Kids

A carnival from 5 pm to 8 pm Sat. Oct. 30 at King-Greenleaf Recreation Center at 201 N St SW will be this year's substitute for The Haunted House. ■

A child at the S.W. Child Development Center at 222 M St. S.W. was dressed for Halloween. (1998 photo)



Federal Workers Give To Charity

The annual Combined Federal Campaign, including The United Way, is underway. Big red thermometers with fund-raising goals are typical at DOT, HUD, EPA, GSA, FAA, Dept. of Ed, Coast Guard, Ft. McNair and other agencies in Southwest. ■

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SWNA Votes For New Community Center

Efforts to explore the possibility of building a community center on Lansburg Park to house Metropolitan Police Boys & Girls Club #4 and other activities were approved by a vote at the September 27 meeting of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly.

The park is located north of Bowen Elementary School, off Delaware Ave. and L St. S.W.

The discussion before the vote included comments that Club #4 needs a new home, because the gym they use in Bowen School is too small for bleachers for spectators and has no adjacent rooms for other activities, like other clubs in the city.

The possibility for night basketball was mentioned. Security and staffing would be required for a new building.

Rick Bardach, co-chair of the Youth Activities Task Force of SWNA, estimated that a building would cost about \$5 million and need half a million a year for operating costs and staff. His group strongly favors a community center and is actively collecting information and community comments in the hope that a new facility might be built. ■

Southwest Community Calendar

(October - November 1999)

Oct. 25	Monday	Southwest Neighborhood Assembly Public Meeting, 7:30 pm Second Baptist Church, Canal & M St. SW
Oct. 27	Wednesday	Fil-Am Toastmasters Club, Place & Time TBA
Oct. 28	Thursday	NARFE DC Chapter 2052 12:30 pm
Nov. 1	Monday	Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 I Street SW
Nov. 1	Monday	Southwest Task Force Community Walk-Through, 10 am. For route, call 554-1448
Nov. 1	Monday	SWNA Board Meeting, 7:00 pm in SWNA office in Waterside Mall I Street side
Nov. 2	Tuesday	First District Citizens' Advisory Council Meeting, 7:00 pm, DCPD, 415 4th St. SW, Community Room
Nov. 3	Wednesday	Southwest Chamber Players Concert, 7:30 pm
Nov. 4	Thursday	St. Augustine's Church, 600 M St. SW
Nov. 4	Thursday	Southwest Task Force, 9 am Old Randall School, First & I St. SW
Nov. 6	Saturday	River Park Friends, 7:30 pm South Commons Room, RP Apts., 1311 Del. Ave. SW
Nov. 8	Monday	Komen Toastmasters Club, Place & Time TBA
Nov. 10	Wednesday	Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2D, 7:00 pm
Nov. 17	Wednesday	Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 I St., SW
Nov. 18	Thursday	Fil-Am Toastmasters Club, 6:45 pm Southwest Branch Library, 920 Wesley Place SW
Nov. 20	Saturday	AARP SW Waterfront Chapter #4751 12 noon
Nov. 24	Wednesday	St. Matthews Lutheran Church 222 M St. SW
Nov. 29	Monday	NARFE DC Chapter 2052 12:30 pm
Dec. 4	Saturday	SW Library
Dec. 6	Monday	Komen Toastmasters Club 10:15 am
Dec. 7	Tuesday	Southwest Branch Library, 920 Wesley Place SW
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		Komen Toastmasters Club 10:15 am
		Southwest Branch Library, 920 Wesley Place SW
		Southwest Neighborhood Assembly Board, 7 pm
		Waterside Mall I Street side
		First District Citizens' Advisory Council Meeting, 7:00 pm, DCPD, 415 4th St. SW

NOTE: The Southwest Branch Library will be closed October 25-November 5, 1999.

Please submit calendar items for the next issue by November 3rd to C.W. Hargrave, 554-8284.

Southwest Community House

will hold its

ANNUAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

On November 16, 1999 at
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Music at NARFE Oct. 28

A singing group from the National Portrait Gallery will entertain the National Association of Retired Federal Employees at 12:30 Thursday, October 28 at Westminster Church, 400 I (Eye) St. S.W.

NARFE has had to move its monthly meeting from its usual location at the S.W. library because the library is closed for a week to control asbestos.

Songs by Irving Berlin, Cole Porter, George Gershwin and Rogers and Hart will be featured.

Lunch will be served as usual for the first half hour of the meeting. ■

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Wedding of Dr. Marc Weiss, Claudia Pharis

Dr. Marc A. Weiss and Claudia C. Pharis were married in July at the recently restored historic Whitlaw Hotel Apartments on 13th and T Streets, N.W.

Marc and Claudia will host an open house, wedding reception, and millennium party at the Whitlaw Apartments on January 1, 2000, from 1 to 5 p.m.

Marc is a senior fellow at the Center for National Policy. Claudia is Chief of Staff for U.S. Congressman Chaka Fattah (D Penna) of Philadelphia. ■



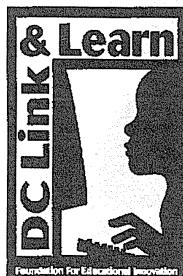
Computer Class Sign-up Oct. 25-30

Computer classes during November and December will require registration at Link & Learn on the second floor of Waterside Mall, 401 M St. S.W. from Monday, Oct. 25 to Saturday, Oct. 30.

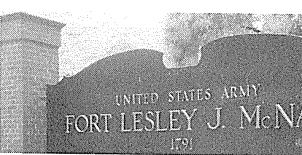
Hours during the week are 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 4 to 7 p.m., and on Sat. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Beginning, intermediate and advanced courses are tailored for senior citizens at \$25, teens for \$10 and up, and small businesses, teachers and parents for various rates, many just \$50 for a series.

A special free evening for families will be held Fridays Oct. 29 and Nov. 12 from 6:30-8 p.m., with hands-on activities in science and math. ■

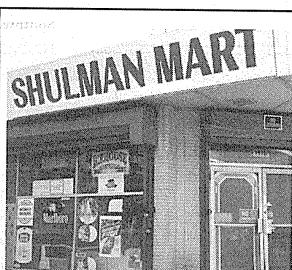


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ANC Approves Shulman License

The license for Shulman's Southwest Liquor Store at 1550 First St. S.W. was approved by ANC 2D after the owners agreed to terms that the neighbors wanted concerning cleanliness and safety. The ANC is withdrawing its objections before the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, which approves licenses. ■

SW Library Closed For Two Weeks

To let workers abate asbestos the Southwest Branch Library at Wesley place and K St. S.W. will be closed for two weeks, from Monday Oct. 25 through Saturday, Nov. 6. ■

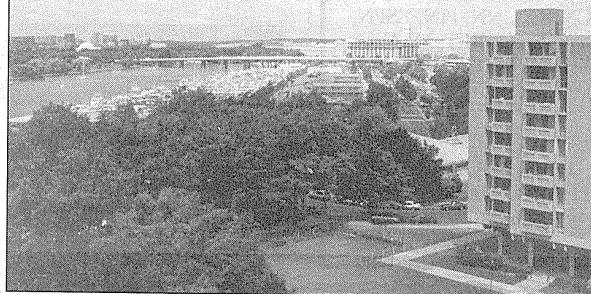
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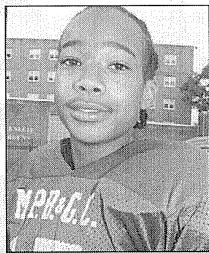
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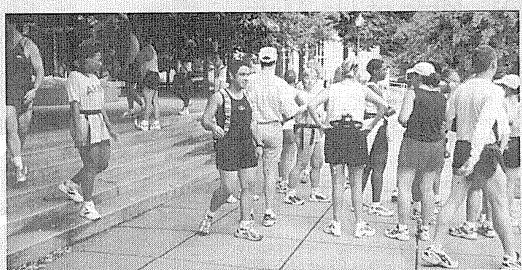
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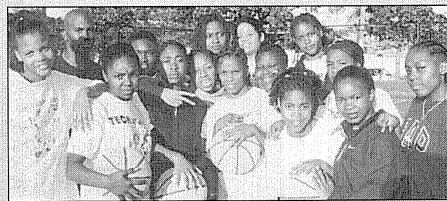
Michael Penny, quarterback for Club #4's 120 lb football team, is one of the main reasons they lead the league early in the 1999 season.



Over 100 runners gathered at 4th and I (Eye) St. S.W. Saturday mornings in the summer to train for the Marine Corps Marathon scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 24.



Rodney Stewart, a 1999 graduate of Wilson High, played on the D.C. High School All-Star team this summer.



Practicing at Randall Rec's outdoor court are young women from Tech Corps D.C., a public charter school with classrooms in Waterside Mall.



Alan Clipper, who played football for Wilson High, received an award from the Southwest Scholarship Committee and is attending North Carolina Wesleyan College.

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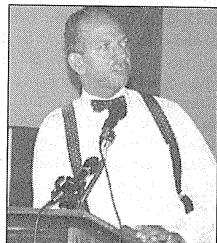
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Education



Mayor Williams Visits Jeff

by Kevin Tanner

Rolling up his sleeves and posing questions to the packed auditorium of Jefferson Jr. High students, Mayor Anthony Williams said, "Children are our number one priority."

In response to the Mayor's question, "How many know someone who sells drugs?" two thirds of the students raised their hands. Some students blamed movies and television for depicting drug dealers who wield power with fast money.

The Mayor promised better health care, a new home building program, and converting the summer job program into a full-time job program. ■

S.A.T. Tests In Dec., Jan.

Applications are due very soon for the December 4 and January 22 college entrance exams (S.A.T.). October 29 is the deadline for the Dec. 4 test, and December 17 is the deadline for the January 22 test.

Application forms are at high schools or at the Education Opportunity Center, downtown at 1233 20th St. N.W. The phone number is 822-5180. ■

Thanksgiving Baskets

Jamal Jones, candidate for Eagle Scout, who will be collecting food at St. Augustine's Church at 6th and M St. S.W. on Saturday, Nov. 13 for transfer to the Southwest Community House collection for needy families. ■

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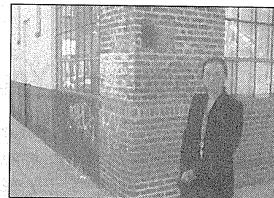
Individually or in groups of three or four, the children get help in reading from the college students in Learning Center #2 at Bowen.

Parents wishing to add their children to the program can phone Jonathan Williams of "Heads Up", the organization that sponsors the program from their office on Capitol Hill, 202-544-4468. "Heads Up" runs a summer program too, and plans to add tutoring for 7th and 8th graders. ■

Chavez School Relocates

by Lakeisha Johnson

The Chavez Charter school which started last year with 60 ninth graders on the second floor of Waterside Mall, has relocated to two floors of a building at 1346 Florida Avenue NW. It increased its student body to 120 to include 9th and 10th graders and has room to add a grade each of the next two years. ■



Principal Salcido of the Chavez Public Charter School stands at the corner of the school's new location on Florida Ave. N.W.

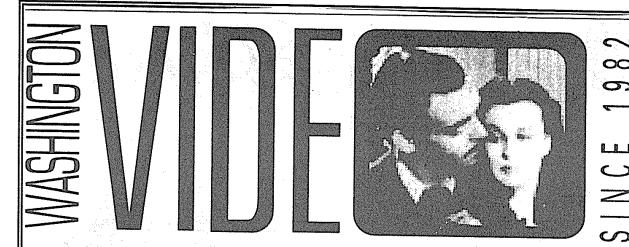
College Fair Nov. 14-15

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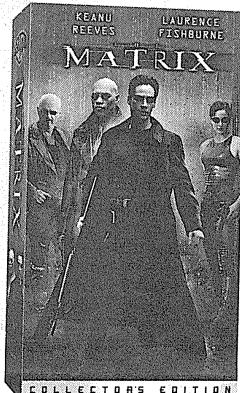
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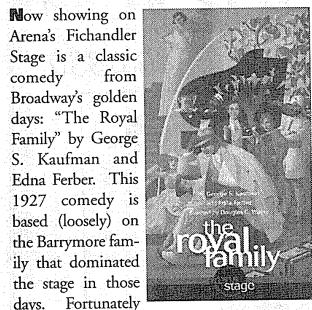
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Arts and Music

Royal Family at Arena Stage

By Wallace Babington



Now showing on Arena's Fichandler Stage is a classic comedy from Broadway's golden days: "The Royal Family" by George S. Kaufman and Edna Ferber. This 1927 comedy is based (loosely) on the Barrymore family that dominated the stage in those days. Fortunately for us, the production brings back the directing skills of Doug Wager. This is a show that is much anticipated and should prove to be a wonderful evening of nostalgia for all of us. Molly Smith, Arena's Artistic Director, reminds us that this is the first time in 25 years that this classic comedy has been presented in Washington. It shows through November 21. So take advantage of a rare opportunity. ■



World Music Festival In SW

Balinese, Cuban and West African music and cuisine will be featured in a World Music Festival series starting Saturday, November 6 at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 4th and I (Eye) St. W.

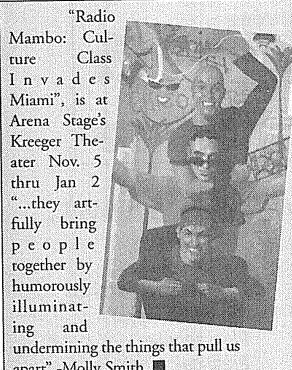
The first program will feature a two-person troupe using music, dance, word-play and traditional African folklore. The group, called Anansesromma, has performed with the Smithsonian Folklife Festival.

On Saturday, November 20, an Afro-Cuban ensemble will feature singers Marietta Berre and Roberto "Maimo" Batista and rumba singer Francisco from Matanzas.

The Saturday, December 11, program includes a 14 person Balinese gamelan orchestra plus dancers.

Sponsors are Human Rights Access (HRA), a Southwest based human-rights organization, and the S.W. Renaissance Development Corporation, the Westminster affiliate which has sponsored "Jazz Night in Southwest" each Friday since last January.

Admission is \$10 at the door, or in advance, or \$25 for the series of three programs, each of which start at 7 pm. At an additional charge, a special dinner will be served at 6 pm before each event, with cuisine from the region featured. For information call Rev. Brian Hamilton, 202.484.7700. ■



"Radio Mambo: Culture Class Invades Miami", is at Arena Stage's Kreeger Theater Nov. 5 thru Jan 2 "...they artfully bring people together by humorously illuminating and undermining the things that pull us apart" -Molly Smith. ■

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"Christmas At The Old Bull and Bush" will be at the Old Vat on the Maine Ave. S.W. side of Arena Stage again this year from Friday, Nov. 26 through Sunday Jan. 9, 2000. This is last year's cast, but many will be returning. Tickets at 703-218-6500.

Southwest Chamber Players

by David Ehrlich

Wednesday, November 3: THE RETURN OF CONTRASTS! The brilliant European ensemble whose 1997 appearance at Saint Augustine's was the first of our Southwest concerts. Kati Sebestyén, violin; Erwin Schiffer, viola; Freddy Arteil, clarinet; Dana Protopopescu, piano; Leclair, Trio Sonata; Mozart, Adagio/Rondo; Beethoven quartet, op. 16; Bruch, Romanian Melody; Gyselinck, Japanese Theme; Prokofiev, Overture on Hebrew Themes.

Wednesday, November 17: Robert Huesman Trio works of Reger, Haydn, Lucia Conrad Quartet, David Ehrlich, piano; Dvorak, Quintet for Piano and Strings.

Thursday, December 16: Annual Christmas program. Works of Bach, Mozart, Brahms, others. Christmas carols. All programs begin at 7:30 p.m.

All programs begin at 7:30 p.m. For further information, David Ehrlich, 202/484-6354. ■

Jazz Vespers Sun. Nov. 7

The Ron Elliston Ensemble with Ronnie Wells and singer Dick Smith will perform at a Jazz Vespers at Christ United Methodist Church, 4th & I (Eye) St. S.W. at 5 pm Sunday, Nov. 7. Admission is \$15 for adults, \$5 for children 12 and under.

Reverend Esther Holimon will officiate. A reception will follow.

For information call Mildred Twitty (202) 488-0698. ■

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Photo Plus is the closest "One Hour Photo" store to residents of Southwest - or thousands of Federal Workers, for that matter. Their high quality photo services have helped *The Southwester* for several years. ■

SW Resident Space Exec

Pat Dasch of Harbour Square is the Executive Director of the National Space Society (NSS) at 6th and Pennsylvania Ave. S.E. She is a resident of Southwest and likes the convenience of being so near to work on Capitol Hill. Her husband works at NASA right here in Southwest.

Pat's specialty is remote sensing and scanning. Pat is an advocate for the exploration of space and believes that within 10 or 20 years, short trips (overnight) will be made by visitors to hotels in Earth orbit. While the government seems to be down-sizing the Space Program, non-government entities are taking up the slack. She feels that it is these companies that will make new discoveries in space and will explore new territories. Space exploration is much like the Wild West of 150 years ago. It's the next New Frontier. ■

Those Disappearing Safeway Carts

by Judy Bellin

It's a problem that affects us all: it's inconvenient, and it results in higher prices. Donna Maxwell, the energetic manager of the Safeway store at Waterside Mall, says the problem is not unique to our store. Almost all the stores in locations with many "walking" instead of a largely "driving" clientele suffer from people absconding with Safeway carts. And, contrary to rumors, they are retrieved from both upscale and low-income areas of Southwest. A Safeway cart costs our thoughtless and inconsiderate neighbor nothing, but costs Safeway (and thus all of us) \$70. The present problem arose when the Americans with Disabilities Act prohibited the old system, which created an enclosed cartel area around the store. Relief is on the way, however. Ms. Maxwell says Waterside Mall Safeway will soon have a "Cart Control System." It involves automatically operating wheel locks, activated if a Safeway cart is wheeled beyond the immediate sidewalk area for which the store is responsible. The system is now in place at the Safeway store in Southeast, and has greatly reduced the problem there. In the meantime, if you see a Safeway cart on the loose, walk it back to the store, or call Safeway at 554-9155. They will send someone to retrieve it. ■

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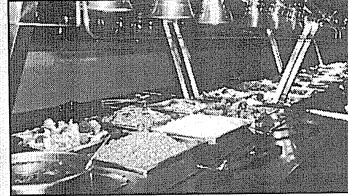
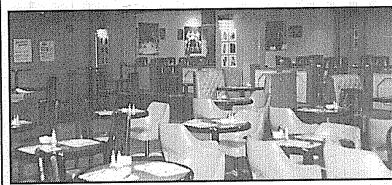
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